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## Labor asks new vote to save schools

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### 100 YEARS OLD

Thursday of last week, March 6, was the hundredth birthday of the Monitor, official newspaper of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco. It was founded, says an article in the Monitor, "when the Vigilance Committee was law and just 11 years after the sleepy pueblo of Yerba Buena had become the city of San Francisco."

The same article says that when founded it was heralded as an "organ of the Catholic and Irish interests in California."

#### 71 YEARS OLD

Tuesday of last week, March 4, the 71st anniversary of the founding of the Hearst newspapers was commemorated by a professional journalistic fraternity.

For it was on March 4, 1887, that the late William Randolph Hearst acquired the S. F. Examiner and laid the foundation for the Tower of Babel, or whatever it is to be called, that the Hearst chain is.

#### 21 YEARS OLD

The February 28 issue of the Washington Teamster, published in Seattle as the official organ of the Teamsters in that area, carried an article by Frank W. Brewster as president of the publication in which Brewster stated that the paper has been published for 21 years. Brewster announced some changes that are being made in the appearance of the paper, which, as he correctly states, has always been a lively and interesting publication.

Incidentally, Brewster remarks that "we have never won a prize and don't much give a hoot . . . Plaques don't make the presses run."

Rather worth saying, considering the vast number of prizes which are given yearly to seemingly practically every labor paper that enters the contest which East Bay Labor Journal has never entered.

#### THE FREE PRESS

The reason we mention the 100-year-old, the 71-year-old, and the 21-year-old paper is because the coincidence of their ages having been brought forward within so short a period reminds us of the astonishing diversity of the free press in America.

Just stop for a moment and think of what differing attitudes, traditions, and interests are voiced by the three papers mentioned!

When we speak of "the press" in America we say a mouthful!

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Laundry Union urges action on CLC Teamos

The Central Labor Council received this week an official report from Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx on efforts made recently by representatives of the Teamsters and the old ousted Laundry Workers to raid the new AFLCIO Laundry Workers Union.

The raid, which had been reported in last week's issue of East Bay Labor Journal, was referred to by Eddie Maney after Groulx had made his statement, as an effort to "pull a Pearl Harbor on us while we had our backs turned."

Maney was referring to the fact that the raid was attempted while he, representing the AFL-CIO Laundry Workers here, and Russ Crowell had been in Washington where the new Laundry Workers International Union was chartered. Crowell is a representative of the Cleaners Local here which is affiliated with the new AFLCIO Laundry Workers.

Crowell told the council this week that the time had come to face up to the fact that while the Teamsters have been officially expelled from the AFLCIO, they still have delegates in the Central Labor Council, and some people "would prefer to let sleeping dogs lie."

But officials of the Laundry Drivers here are now being ordered by Joe Diviny, head of the Teamsters Joint Council, to co-operate in a continued effort to raid the AFLCIO Laundry Workers here, said Crowell, "so we'll have to decide pretty soon whether we're an AFLCIO council or not. If we're not, let's invite in Harry Bridges and John L. Lewis and the rest of 'em, and just have a nice fraternal meeting here every Monday."

The executive committee as the result of a motion by Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798 is to make a recommendation at the next meeting on the matter.

Maney thanked Secretary Ash and Assistant Secretaries Groulx and Art Hellender for the devoted work they put in repelling the raid while he was absent.

**KOHLER STRIKE** hearing proceeded this week before the McClellan Committee, the company having turned down UAW offer to arbitrate.

#### COPE LAST NOMINATIONS MAR. 18; ELECTION 25th

COPE, the Council on Political Education of the AFL-CIO in Alameda County, will meet next Tuesday, March 18, for second and final nominations of officers and board members.

A week later, Tuesday, March 25, the election of officers and board members will be held. Both meetings will be held in the Labor Temple.

## BTC told of plan to lengthen county employees' work week

Building Trades Council Secretary John Davy at the last meeting of the council read a letter which E. H. Vernon, general business representative of East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546 has sent to Chairman Leland W. Sweeney of the Board of Supervisors.

A copy of the letter had been sent by Vernon to the BTC, as it involves a matter of interest to all labor people.

Vernon notified Sweeney that "we are particularly concerned that our members employed by Alameda County may be required to work more hours per week than presently in effect."

Vernon is referring to the proposal now being considered by the Supervisors that "the administrative code be amended to provide for a 40-hour week affecting Alameda County employees."

(Some of these county employees have for the past 10 years had a 37½-hour week. An editorial discussing this matter will be found on page 4 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal.)

Vernon points out that "the tendency and trends in private, municipal, and county employ-

ment over the past several years has been to shorten the work week; emphasis in this connection will be increased, based on our present economy. Any attempt to increase the work week would be contrary to current trends, and economically unsound, in view of increasing unemployment. If any change of hours is contemplated, it should be in the direction of a shorter work week with the same take home pay."

#### WESTERN BANK JOB

The work of installing insulation in conjunction with the radiant heat ceiling system on the Western Bank Building job has been assigned to the Asbestos Workers. A copy of the decision by the National Joint Board for Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes, Building and Construction Industry, was received.

#### KOHLER STRIKE

The Kohler strike bulletin received by the council called attention to the hearing before the McClellan Committee which commenced February 24, adding:

"Top United Auto Workers officials indicated a long time ago they would welcome a Senate investigation of the long and bitter Kohler strike, and that no subpoenas would be necessary to MORE on page 7

## CLC unanimous: Don't whittle education off!

The Central Labor Council this week voted to recommend to the Oakland Board of Education that it cut no services and proceed at once to endeavor to get more funds for continuous full operation of the school system.

The vote was taken after full discussion of a proposal to send back to the council's executive committee the problem presented by the failure of the voters of Oakland to authorize an increase in the school tax.

When CLC President Al Brown called for all those in favor of the motion to refer to say Aye, there was a profound and unbroken silence. Not one vote was cast for the motion. With his face still showing some surprise, Brown called for the No vote, and it came with a tremendous roar.

No cut in any service given by the Oakland school system; more money sought right away to maintain all services properly. That was the verdict.

This had been the original recommendation of the executive committee, but at the suggestion of Bud Williams, Auto Machinists 1546, the matter was dis-

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## Building Service wins wage rise in office buildings

W. Douglas Geldert, secretary-treasurer of Local 18, Building Service Employees' Union announces that Local 18 has reached a new agreement with the Building Owners and Managers Association, covering the office buildings, in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Some 350 to 400 members of Local 18 employed in the office buildings as elevator operators, janitors, janitresses, maintenance men and window cleaners will receive the following additional benefits in the newly negotiated agreement:

1—In the holiday clause, Veteran's Day will be dropped as a holiday from 1959 on. It will still be a paid holiday this November 11, 1958 but after then it will no longer be a paid holiday. Also in the holiday clause it was agreed that for those persons who are required to work on a Holiday they shall be guaranteed their regular full shift at double their regular rate of pay.

2—The vacation clause was changed so that the employees will receive 2 weeks paid vacation after 1 year of service, and effective in 1959 they will get 3 weeks vacation after 8 years.

3—All wages will be increased by 8 cents per hour effective March 1, 1958 and automatically March 1, 1959 another 7 cents per hours will go into effect.

4—The agreement is for a two-year period March 1, 1958 to March 1, 1960.



DICK CROSS, shown in center of picture, has recently completed a six-week assignment from the Coro Foundation to the Central Labor Council and Food Clerks 870. To his left is shown Art Hellender, and to his right Richard Groulx, the assistant secretaries of the CLC with whom he worked closely under the guidance of CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash. At Local 870 Secretary-Treasurer Harris Wilkin supervised Cross' work. Dick Cross, 25, is the son of Dr. Laurance Cross, former Mayor of Berkeley. He is interested in city management as a career. He is the third Coro Foundation intern to be assigned to the CLC, says John Robinson, labor program coordinator for Coro.



# HOW TO BUY

## Job-expense deductions

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

This department previously pointed out that while business owners and executives use many dubious loopholes to cut their tax payments, the Government fights wage-earner's deductions for such job expenses as work clothes and transportation costs. In the argument over transportation costs at least, working people have won some court victories in recent years, so more deductions are now available for those expenses.

Here is a checklist of job expenses you may be able to deduct under "Other Deductions", if you itemize deductions on the long-form 1040:

- Union dues and assessments.
- Employment agency fees.
- Work uniforms if distinctive and required by your job and not adaptable to ordinary wear. (The Treasury Department still refuses to allow deductions for ordinary work clothing as dungarees. But clearly deductible are such work uniforms as those worn by transportation, delivery, service, postal, fire and police and similar workers, waiters' jackets, white uniforms worn by nurses and laboratory workers, etc.

- Insignia for work garments and uniforms.

- Safety clothing such as steel-toe shoes, goggles, work gloves, helmets, aprons and rubber gloves.

- Cleaning and repair expenses of deductible work uniforms and safety garments.

- Tools, instruments, technical and trade magazines and books.

- First and last travel costs, and all board expenses, for temporary jobs away from the town where you usually work. (The job must be of temporary duration, which you knew would end in a reasonably short time, and not merely of indefinite duration. For example, a postal clerk assigned temporarily to a highway post-office bus, was permitted by the tax court to deduct meals and lodging for the nights he had to spend in another city, the J. K. Lasser Tax Institute reports. The court allowed the deduction because the assign-

ment was temporary, as proved by the fact that after nine months he was assigned to a new route. This ruling is also helpful to construction workers, technicians and others who may get temporary job assignments away from home. You make this deduction from gross income on page 1 of your return whether or not you itemize deductions on page 2.

Costs of meals, lodging, phone and other travel expenses in excess of your employer's reimbursement if you were away from home at least one night in connection with your job. (In this case, the work need not be temporary but your regular job. Such board expenses away from home often are incurred by transportation truckers, construction and technical workers. This deduction, too, is made on page 1.)

Daily round-trip transportation expenses from your home to a temporary assignment away from your usual job location, even though not away from your home overnight. (But commuting expenses from home to your regular place of work are not deductible.)

Travel expenses for getting from one place to the other. If you work in two or more places in the same day, whether or not for the same employer. (Use of your own car is deductible, as well as train, taxi, bus and other fares.)

Costs of attending union conventions in excess of reimbursement. (You cannot deduct convention expenses for your wife, unless her presence is required for work or business reasons. But Sydney Prerau, director of the Lasser Institute points out, the Government recognizes that costs for one person are not exactly half those for two. Thus, if a hotel room for one would cost \$9, but you get a room for two at \$12, you can deduct \$9. If you go in your car, you can deduct the entire transportation expense even though your family goes along.)

Students' travel and living costs while away from home on a summer job.

Educational expenses if you were required to take a course to keep your job, but not just to advance yourself. (So far, courts have okayed this deduction for teachers taking required courses and attorneys attending tax institutes. These victories may pave the way for wage-earners who must get special training to hold their jobs.)

Fees you pay a substitute to do your work temporarily.

Costs of bond if you as a bonded employee have to pay for it yourself.

**DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S**  
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## To the Ladies FROM the EDITOR

**WOMEN'S REASONS** for buying one style of furniture or house furnishing rather than another are of course being studied profoundly by these "motivational research" people who dig into such subjects.

Such research shows that women have little difficulty choosing the pattern they like in upholstery, draperies, and rugs. But when it comes to the color of these things, they get confused.

"Color sets up an emotional response in women," says one expert, so that they find it difficult to decide which color suits them, which color is fashionable, or which color will remain stylish longest."

**MODERN FURNITURE**, says another expert on women's tastes, appeals to women because it is easy to care for; women associate it with function, utility, and comfort.

But in many a woman there is an inner conflict. She thinks modern furniture is easy to care for, but she "finds little emotional satisfaction in this since women like to feel that they have something to take care of." And "period furniture means prestige, good breeding, tradition, reliability, conservatism."

**IF YOU EXAMINE** your own mind when you're thinking about furniture and house furnishings, you'll doubtless find that the motivational smart guys know a good deal about you!

## 'Dial' dinner

Future kitchen drudgery, according to John C. Martin, director of product programing of the Frigidaire Division of General Motors, may be considerably minimized by refrigeration and cooking facilities combined in a single vending unit. The home-maker will "dial" a complete menu, ahead of time, of specially packaged fresh and frozen foods that are stored in the machine. At the appointed hour the entire meal will be heated and delivered, ready for serving.

## Add overskirt for spice

To spice a black velvet or satin camisole and slim black skirt, add an overskirt. Take a full skirt of a favorite color that has seen its last evening out. Open the zipper seam and stitch back three inches on each side, so the black skirt will show. Raise hemline four inches above the slim underskirt. Use three-inch-wide heavy grosgrain for the waistband sash and stitch it to overskirt leaving enough at each end to tie a giant bow in front.

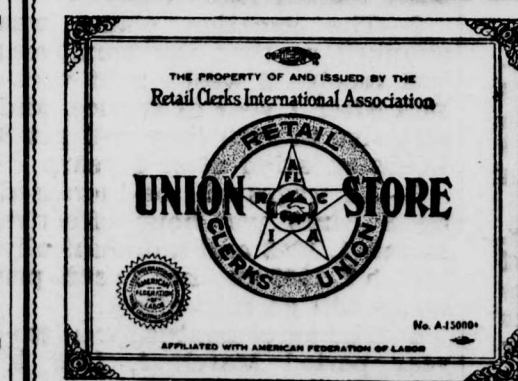
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## Simple cobbler

A busy day dessert can take the form of a simple-to-make cobbler. Heat a can of peach slices with sugar, lemon juice and spice to taste. Thicken mixture slightly with corn starch blended with a little water. Individually flatten the contents of one package of ready-to-bake biscuits, brush with melted butter and sprinkle with sugar. Bake on cookie sheet. Place biscuits on top of hot peaches and serve in individual dessert dishes.

## Fashion tip

In considering how high to raise hemlines this spring, experiment first on the extreme eighteen inches from the floor. Use double-edged tape to temporarily take up a straight skirt. Try it on in front of a full-length mirror to get the full effect.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

**WHEN THE WIFE** and mother goes to work, the home becomes a house.

This is the opinion of the writer of a letter to a large newspaper recently.

It is also the opinion of many people who have seen the deleterious effect of a household when the mother takes a job outside the home.

Sometimes the father is dead, or for some good reason unable to support the family, and the mother must take over.

But in these days, the average working mother will tell you that the family simply could not get along on the father's salary alone, and the mother is compelled to supplement it. One salary cannot supply the family's needs.

"Need" is a word that means different things to different individuals. Some families feel that they "need" a second car—(how else could a mother get to work?), they "need" a second television set for the kids, or an electric clothes dryer, or many other expensive gadgets that modern life provides us with.

Educators and other observers who see the children of many of these families being neglected, are inclined to shake their heads and blame the mothers for being so materialistic.

No individual mother or family, should, however, be much blamed for this state of affairs. Our modern society is a materialistic one. On every hand, mothers and fathers, who are mere weak humans, for the most part, are begged, cajoled and commanded to buy this, buy that and buy the other that their children not be "deprived of the good things of life."

A few strong-minded parents may feel that a mother's personal care of her children, habits of thrift and some self-denial which result from having less money and more ingenious and less expensive ways of providing entertainment are the REALLY good things of life.

Such parents will be in the minority, however, until our whole society matures to the point where the large majority of us will see our glittering gadgets for the toys they are, and turn to the grown-up values which are the underlying basis of our civilization.

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## T-H law provision smashes contract in So. California

California got a strong taste of Taft-Hartley "union busting" recently in Imperial County when strikebreakers broke a long-standing International Association of Machinists contract with the Machinery Overhaul Company at Palmdale.

Center of the dispute is the T-H provision which stipulates that if the NLRB conducts an election during a strike, strikebreakers may vote but strikers may not.

AFLCIO president George Meany recently protested a similar development in the long-standing O'Sullivan dispute.

Back in January of 1956, employees of the Machinery Overhaul outfit in Palmdale voted to designate the IAM as official bargaining agent.

When the company refused to grant the union shop, the workers struck on September 19, 1956.

The company continued to operate with strikebreakers. The strikebreakers then called for a representation election before the National Labor Relations Board in accord with Taft-Hartley provisions. The strikebreakers voted 90-1 to oust the IAM as bargaining agent. Strikers were not permitted to vote.

In the 1952 presidential election, President Eisenhower pledged himself as opposed to the "union busting" clauses of the T-H law, and specifically referred to the provision granting strikebreakers voting rights at the expense of workers out on strike. Since then the Eisenhower Administration has done nothing to remove this section of the law. —State Federation Newsletter.

## Negotiations with Wards end in zero

Negotiations in the bitter Retail Clerks-Montgomery Ward dispute in Chicago last week blew up without leaving a trace of hope for an early settlement.

Larry Vail, secretary of the California State Council of Retail Clerks and a member of the Clerks' national negotiating committee, reported from Chicago that the talks convened by the Federal Mediation Service had been broken off and no further meetings were scheduled.

"The company's last offer", Vail said, "was not even worth considering."

Wards has stood pat for months now on the proposition that it would not agree to any kind of a general wage increase for clerks in the 60-odd stores, scattered across the country. It has insisted that wages would be handled on a local, unilateral basis.

Wards also has refused consideration of a uniform five-day, 40-hour week or uniform overtime provisions. It has also rejected every proposal for any form of union security.

Vail said that the Clerks' strike and boycott in California will only be intensified as a result of the breakdown of the talks.

## Candidates for councils in cities of the county recommended by labor

Recommendations of candidates for City Councilman in the various municipal elections in Alameda County coming up in April have been made by COPE (AFLCIO Council for Political Education) as follows:

Albany — Louis Howell.  
Emeryville — William G. Codrington, Nick C. Fuller.

San Leandro — Robert Taylor, District 1; William Swift, District 5; Jack Maltesta, at large.

Hayward — John Purchio, Rudy Dettenreider.

Fremont — Ken Steadman.

## GOP economy advocates might eye Nixon office

The Republican economy slogan, which even threatens adequate defense and social programs, doesn't seem to have much effect on the GOP's bright young man, Richard M. Nixon.

Vice President Nixon's office costs the taxpayers \$101,925 a year, reports The New York Times.

That's nine times as much as Harry S. Truman spent when he was Franklin D. Roosevelt's vice president, and it is the biggest appropriation for any vice president in history.

The big increase can't be explained by rising prices. Nixon's \$101,925 pays for a staff of 13 persons—including a colonel, a major and a press agent.

Under the Roosevelt regime, the vice president got along with a mere three or four assistants.

The Times adds that besides his paid help, the current vice president has a "host of his fellow Californians, in and out of Congress, who have become known as 'errand boys' on Capitol Hill."

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Here's how our "giveaway" program works. Each time a BBB member signs in to enter the store he or she will receive a coupon. All coupons are deposited in a container and a drawing held at 2 P.M., 4 P.M., 6 P.M., and a grand prize is drawn at 8 P.M. daily except Saturday and Sunday.

These drawings will go on throughout the month. And the drawing for the grand prizes will take place Thursday, April 10, 1958.

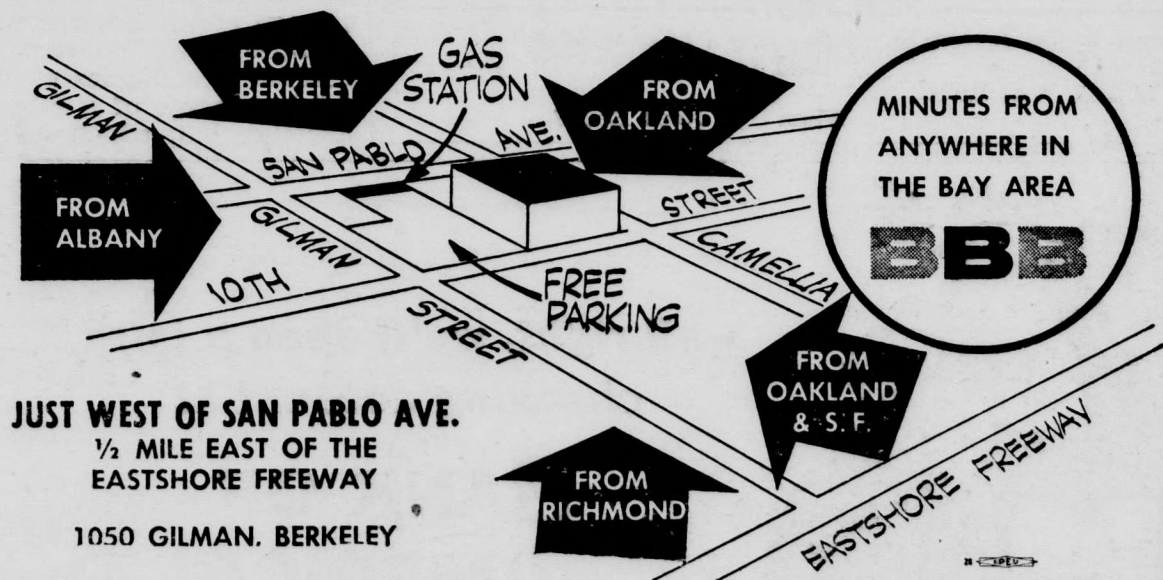
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## Public relations leader of Locomotive Engineers dies after heart attack

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. — William W. Griffith, public relations director of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died suddenly here from a heart attack. He was 52 years old.

Griffith, who also edited the brotherhood's newspaper, The Locomotive Engineer, had been spending a two-week vacation at this resort. He had held his position with the BLE since October 1956, having formerly worked for the Goodyear Tire Co. in Akron and on newspapers in Ohio and New York. His body was taken to Youngstown, O. for burial. —AFLCIO News.

## N. Y. Blue Cross is denied rate boost

NEW YORK — The demand of the New York City Blue Cross for a 40 percent increase in its rates, which was strongly opposed by organized labor, has been denied by State Superintendent of Insurance Leffert Holz.

However, Holz left the door open for a boost in another few months. In effect, he told Blue Cross to live on its reserves, if necessary, for as long as it can, then renew its request for an increase. —AFLCIO News.

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## Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

The fourth national legislative conference of the Building and Construction Trades was held on March 3 through 6, 1958 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. Delegates to this conference heard the program explained and then called on members of Congress for their support of this program.

The department's legislative objectives will consist of a seven point program as follows:

- (1) Obtain corrective amendments to Taft-Hartley Act.
- (2) Modernize and broaden scope of Davis-Bacon (prevailing wage) Act.
- (3) Obtain passage of Housing program to raise home construction to 2,000,000 new homes each year and an expanded realistic slum clearance program.
- (4) Obtain passage of a school construction bill which will fulfill the needs of Americas children.
- (5) Obtain passage of a hospital construction bill which will eliminate shortage of hospital facilities.
- (6) Obtain passage of a bill to broaden and liberalize unemployment compensation.
- (7) Obtain passage of a bill to extend coverage of Minimum Wage Act.

## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

I might as well try to drive another nail in the lid of that coffin that the sponsors of the right to wreck bill are trying to bury organized labor in before the lid is lifted. I wonder if the scab shop boys would sponsor or back up the apprenticeship program of the State and organized labor as it has been shown successful in the past several years by the fine mechanics that have been turned out, or would they be satisfied to pay these boys \$1.00 per hour and make them do a journeyman's work and still charge the public the journeymens wage?

What a skinning the dear public would get!

Speaking of apprentices, brother Ed Smilovitz reports

that our boys in the East Bay have come out with top honors in the panel contest recently held in Chicago. Brother Robert Fields took first place in group three in hardwood; Melvin Vessel of Local Union 127 took second place in group four, Enameling, and honorable in group 13, Marbelizing; and Harold Hitchcock second place and honorable mention in group 12, both in training.

These boys should be proud of their fine showing as they were competing with boys from all over the United States.

Local Union 127 is proud of these boys and I am sure that brother Smilovitz is, as he is a member of Local Union 127 and they have been under his instruction.

I don't know if there were any right to work states in this competition. I doubt it.

We regret to report the death of J. S. Mersick on March 1st, and Marius Nielsen on March 5th. Brother McAdams, still at Veterans Hospital, is now able to receive visitors, Lou Horning at home recovering and R. D. Weber in same condition as last report.

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Several weeks ago we informed you that a labor commissioner hearing was scheduled for March 5 with Reinhardt & Co. of Redwood City. A last minute telegram informed us that Mr. Reinhardt was sick and could not appear, so another hearing will have to be arranged. We will keep after this case until it is satisfactorily concluded.

The officers elected last month for the next two years are: James Glasser, president; Nolan Holdridge, vice-president; William Thomson, recording secretary; Bert Drew; sergeant-at-arms; George F. Allen, financial secretary and business manager. Executive Board: Warren Billings, John Bicknell, Edmond Plonczak, Carl Tissenbaum, Victor Venturi and Robert Vergara from San Jose. The trustees: Chas. Hansen, 3 years; Frank De Filippo, 2 years; and Dale Fletcher, 1 year.

Executive board will meet on Thursday, March 20th, at 7 p.m.

in the Union office, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Mildred, our office secretary, has injured her hip or thigh and may be out of the office for a few days, so if you telephone or call at the office you will know the reason.

Just another reminder — the local by-laws require that you must be a registered voter and you will have to show proof to the union office. Remember, April 10th is the closing date for registration.

## Hayward Painters 1178

By ROBERT G. MILLER

Reference is made to the various subjects contained in correspondence with our affiliates. One in particular, is the many benefits we now enjoy that many of us take for granted. Again be reminded of the many long tough hours put in by our officials in all categories both nationally and locally.

These officials are still on the job at all times to keep and to further these benefits. You know what these benefits are, and right now, there many politicians over the country as well as locally who are trying to take them away from you.

What happens to these benefits is up to you, and you only. Under the constitution of our country and the constitution of our own brotherhood we are all allowed to be heard by voice or by vote.

Members of this local are never denied the right to be heard or vote in secret or by a show of hands, unless they are out of order.

When their subject is in order they are called upon to express themselves.

Again, a warning to use your rights under both constitutions particularly your RIGHT TO VOTE and WRECK the proposed RIGHT TO WORK LAWS.

## Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

As a delegate representing the California Pipe Trades Council, the writer attended the 4th national legislative conference held in Washington, D. C., from March 3 to 6, 1958. Out of the three thousand building and construction tradesmen attending this conference there were 353 United Association delegates with nine coming from California.

The purpose of this annual legislative conference is to sponsor legislation, covering amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act; modernize and broaden scope of the Davis Bacon Act; obtain passage of the housing program to raise home construction to 2,000,000 new homes each year; obtain passage of a school construction bill, which will fulfill

the needs for American children; obtain passage of a hospital construction bill, which would eliminate the shortage of hospital facilities; obtain possibility of a bill to broaden and liberalize unemployment compensation; and, finally, obtain passage of a bill to extend coverage of the Minimum Wage Act.

This program was explained to the attending delegates, who in turn called upon their Senators and Congressmen to solicit their support in this program.

AFLCIO President George Meany, a member of the United Association for the past 41 years, was the principal speaker. His address regarding the unemployment crisis was well received.

The general officers of the United Association provided a luncheon for its 353 delegates. Guest speakers included President Meany and James Brownlow, who is president of the Metal Trades Department and also a member of the United Association.

President Schoemann told the attending delegates that he was ordering the United Association's 760 local unions to eliminate closed-shop provisions from their contracts or face bankruptcy. This directive was necessary because of a threatened crackdown by the National Labor Relations Board on unions with illegal arrangements.

The closed-shop under which employers agree to hire only union members is banned by the Taft-Hartley Act. Nevertheless, it has been a common practice in the construction industry.

President Schoemann said that union leaders were advised that the NLRB will order a refund of dues and assessments collected under closed-shop contracts. This action resulted from the NLRB decision involving United Association Local 231, of El Paso, Texas, and a member of the United Association who filed unfair labor practices.

In talking to various representatives of other local unions attending the conference, the writer finds that practically all Local Unions have an unemployment situation confronting them.

Our next meeting will be held March 20 at which time election for delegates to the California Pipe Trades convention will be held. At this time the members will also vote as to how to apply the 25¢ increase due under our contract effective July 1, 1958, whether to apply it on a vacation plan or on wages. Polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., so please arrange your affairs so you may vote at this election.

The auditing of the books of this Local Union has been completed by the National Audit Bureau and this complete auditor's report will be submitted at the special called membership meeting to be held April 3, 1958.

The Carpenters Union Auxiliary correspondent will be found on page 6.

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## Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The recent convention of the State Council of Carpenters has caused a change in the operating procedure as well as a change in the officers of the Council.

I was talking to one of the past officers of the State Council and he can see trouble in the future. Too many people will expect too much to be done too soon. He thinks that Bartolini, McCullough, and Harkleroad are the men to do the job and that they will do the job. However it is not a simple matter of waving a magic wand—it will require a lot of hard work and cooperation from all carpenters.

The expanded executive board will be more truly representative of the carpenters and should be able to carry out policy matters more effectively.

There is no more one man rule. Attend your local meetings and present your ideas. They will go to the top and be acted upon—no more pocket veto.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, Elizabeth Fee's birthday, and "CHARTER DAY"!

On that day we will celebrate our 48th anniversary at the Driftwood, 1313 Park Street, Alameda, 12:30 p.m. and honor Mabel Patterson, our only charter member. Mabel has held many officers for the auxiliary through the years but now finds it difficult to attend many meetings, so as many as possibly can, do come to do her honor.

The San Francisco auxiliary has extended us an invitation to attend a luncheon Thursday, March 27 to discuss plans for the convention which will be held in San Francisco in August. Mary Stapleton, Freda Cripps, Katherine Allen, Evelyn Wolters, plan to attend, Alma Strong will chauffeur.

A reminder, regarding our rummage sale, April 24. If you have any rummage, contact Mary Farley LA 6-8423, Mary Stapleton AN 1-7944. Shall report on the March meeting in the next edition.

Hoping for a nice day and nice turnout at the Charter Day luncheon.

## Clothing Workers high official not to seek reelection at May meet

NEW YORK — Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum of the Clothing Workers has announced he will not be a candidate for reelection of the union's convention next May.

Rosenblum, 70-years old, has been an officer of the union since its formation in 1914. For many years, he was Executive Vice President and a close associate of the late Sidney Hillman, first president of the Clothing Workers.—AFLCIO News.

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# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

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## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Election of delegates to the California State Pipe Trades Council convention to be held April 25, 26, and 27, 1958, at Hotel Leamington, Oakland will be held at the special called membership meeting to be held March 20, 1958. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, at this election the members will vote to apply the .25¢ increase already negotiated effective July 1, 1958, as wages or on a vacation plan.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary,  
Business Manager

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## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

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## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

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## CARPENTERS 1158

Special called meeting Friday, March 14, 1958 at 8 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley to vote as to where to use the optional 2½ cents per hour in our agreement effective June 15, 1958.

Refreshments.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

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## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Blood donors are needed for the son of Richard Dick, a journeyman of this Local. John, his young son has a very rare heart condition that is going to require surgery and it is expected that about 21 pints of blood will be needed. Anyone who can donate blood for the boy may do so by contacting the Blood Bank of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland, OLympic 4-2924.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at the Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

There will be a special called meeting Friday, March 14, at 8 p.m. TO VOTE: On option where to place a 2½¢ per hour increase in benefits under provisions set forth in the current collective bargaining agreement with the employers, Sec 17, Sub Par. F under which the union has the option of placing the 2½¢ either as increase in wages or applying it to the health and welfare or pension contribution.

TO VOTE: An assessment \$1.00 or more per member, proceeds to go towards opposing the union busting "Right to Work" proposition and to inform the public of the facts and the results should this referendum, now being circulated, become law in this State.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL  
Recording Secretary

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## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Again, or yet, we are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting Friday, March 21. All future meetings in the next few months will be of great interest to all of us. There is no doubt about the above statement.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

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## S. F.-OAKLAND MAILERS 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at California Hall, 625 Polk Street, San Francisco, California on Sunday afternoon, March 16, 1958 at 1 p.m.

Fraternally yours,  
DUNCAN C. ROSS,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

There will be a special called meeting, Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 13th Street, Oakland, Calif., March 14, 1958, to vote on the following:

1. Whether to apply our 2½ cents raise on our contract to wages, pensions or health and welfare.

2. To consider the possibility of a one dollar contribution to the State Federation of Labor, to help fight the right-to-work issue, with the possible inclusion of a one dollar donation by each member.

3. Appointment or election of a member to attend the CLLPE convention in San Francisco, Calif., April 14, 1958.

4. The request for changes in the by-laws of the Local Union of Sections 17 and 18.

5. It is also the recommendation of the bylaws committee that a revision of the bylaws is contemplated and any member desiring to submit any changes in these bylaws do so in writing to the recording secretary.

6. We also expect to show a very good film on the right-to-work issue, if it is at all available at this time.

7. Delegates to the State Carpenters convention may also make their reports.

8. Shall we have a Credit Union?  
Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

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## CEMENT MASONS 594

Special election March 20 at 8 p.m. to break a tie vote for a Building Trades Council delegate; and also to vote on a resolution.

Fraternally,  
M. B. DILLASHAW,  
Business Representative

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## PAINT MAKERS 1101

Our next regular meeting will be held March 18. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,  
PETE CEREMELLO,  
Business Representative

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## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The local union will meet in regular session Tuesday, March 18, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## Letters from the BTC on J. L. Childers' statement

Letters from Building Trades Council Secretary John A. Davy and Business Representative J. L. Childers were read at the Central Labor Council meeting this week referring to the minutes of the CLC executive committee on a statement made by Childers concerning the BTC's interest in the Montgomery Ward dispute.

The executive committee was asked to consider the letters and report at the next meeting of the CLC on the matter.

## Labor Community Service advocates wide-ranging program to aid jobless

NEW YORK — Development of a wide-ranging program of unemployment relief in every major industrial area in the United States has been set as the primary 1958 goal of AFLCIO Community Service Activities.

Expressing concern over the mounting layoffs across the country, Leo Perlis, national CSA director for the labor federation, singled out the unemployment relief program for top priority.—AFLCIO release.

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## State AFL calls endorsement meet

Official announcement of the April 14 pre-primary endorsement convention was issued to all affiliates of the California Labor League for Political Education.

The convention call was sent out in the name of C. J. Haggerty, secretary - treasurer, Thomas L. Pitts, president, and members of the CLLPE executive council.

The one-day endorsement convention will be held in San Francisco, Monday, April 14, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets.

Business of the convention will be endorsement of candidates for Governor and other state offices, the U. S. Senate, House of Representatives and the state legislature.

The CLLPE executive council and an interviewing committee comprised of representatives from unions and councils and leagues throughout the state will interview candidates for state-wide office on Sunday, April 13, in the Clift Hotel, Geary and Taylor Streets.—LLPE Newsletter.

## They try 2 tricks against Steadman

Ken Steadman of the Steelworkers, candidate endorsed by organized labor for the City Council of Fremont, told the Central Labor Council this week that as a labor candidate he is being attacked from two angles during the campaign.

The first angle is that of those who say that since he is a labor man with the backing of labor there is danger that if he is elected to the City Council, Fremont will fall under the control of the "labor bosses."

The second angle is that of those who say that he isn't really functioning as a labor man at all, but as an agent for the big interests.

Steadman said that nevertheless his campaign is progressing, and he welcomes any assistance labor people can give in meeting either one of these lines of attack.

Roy Woods, Hayward Culinary 823, said that one member of the union he represents has been writing letters to various papers attacking Steadman's candidacy, but that the overwhelming sentiment of the union is for Steadman.

## Scholarships are announced by Fed

Announcements of the eighth annual California State Federation of Labor scholarship contest have been mailed to all high school principals in California and Hawaii.

Student application forms were included in the mailing.

Senior high school students from public, private or parochial schools planning to attend a college or university anywhere in the U. S. or Hawaii are eligible for the competition.

Three college scholarship awards of \$500 each will be given to the three top competitors.

An award will be made to the three top candidates on the basis of a special examination. Consideration will also be given to the competitors' four-year high school academic record. A check for \$500 will be deposited in the students' name at the college of their choice.

A two-hour examination will be held on Friday, May 9, 1958, in each high school where applicants have filed.—State Federation Newsletter.

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## Ken Steadman outlines four issues in race for Fremont City Council

Kenneth D. Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, candidate for the Fremont City Council in the April 8 election, has put out a statement outlining what he considers the four principal issues at stake in the election:

1. I believe in "First Things First". By this I mean, that expenditures in capital outlay should be used to lay a firm foundation in the building of our city, by providing a strong and sound tax base. This would be



**KEN STEADMAN**

accomplished by attracting industry, for the solid footing we need, instead of acquiring a present liability such as the proposed civic center, which will come in its proper time, when we can support such a program, on solid ground.

2. I believe in sensible planning and zoning. By this I mean that a zoning ordinance which requires untillable land to be used for agriculture, and requires potentially valuable commercial property adjacent to main highways to be used for residential purposes is utterly unrealistic. Valid zoning should seek to protect our present and future residents by actively promoting a program which looks toward the development of maximum tax revenue from existing land use potential.

3. I believe in a balanced council. By this I mean, that I don't believe a community of predominantly working men and women, can be fairly and adequately served by an unrepresentative council. This is borne out by the fact that two gentlemen farmers, up for re-election, cannot assure the average resident, such as you and I, and a lot more like us, a voice in our city government. They do not ensure the average working farmer an adequate voice in his city government.

4. I believe in annexation to the Regional Parks. By this I

mean, that the immediate recreational needs of our people can be provided at reasonable cost. Also added recreational facilities at our schools, within easy walking distance of all, with the students themselves set up in a student council to act in an advisory capacity to our recreation department. This would give them representation.

I sincerely ask your support and vote, and am ready to discuss any and all questions on my views and programs. I hope to meet as many people as possible to further elaborate on my program of a "First Things First" policy for Fremont and its people.

## Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

**March 14** — Hostesses for the Social will be Eleanore Clapp, and Nathalie Stenling, 8 p.m., 761 - 12th Street, Oakland. A good program is being set up with refreshments served.

**March 18**—Josephine Wheeler, 3520 May Court, Oakland is entertaining the Sewing Club 8 p.m.

**March 28** — Julia Sjoberg, Recording Secretary states a very important "business meeting" at the hall will be held 8 p.m. Plan to attend so that all mutual interests of the Auxiliary may be promoted to assist and add to our present responsibilities that our Auxiliary stands for.

**Chatter** — When in need of a gift our talented Clara Durlinger — Artist (Clara Durlinger), Hidden Art Shop, 1816 - 3rd Avenue has many hand painted items. You are invited to browse.

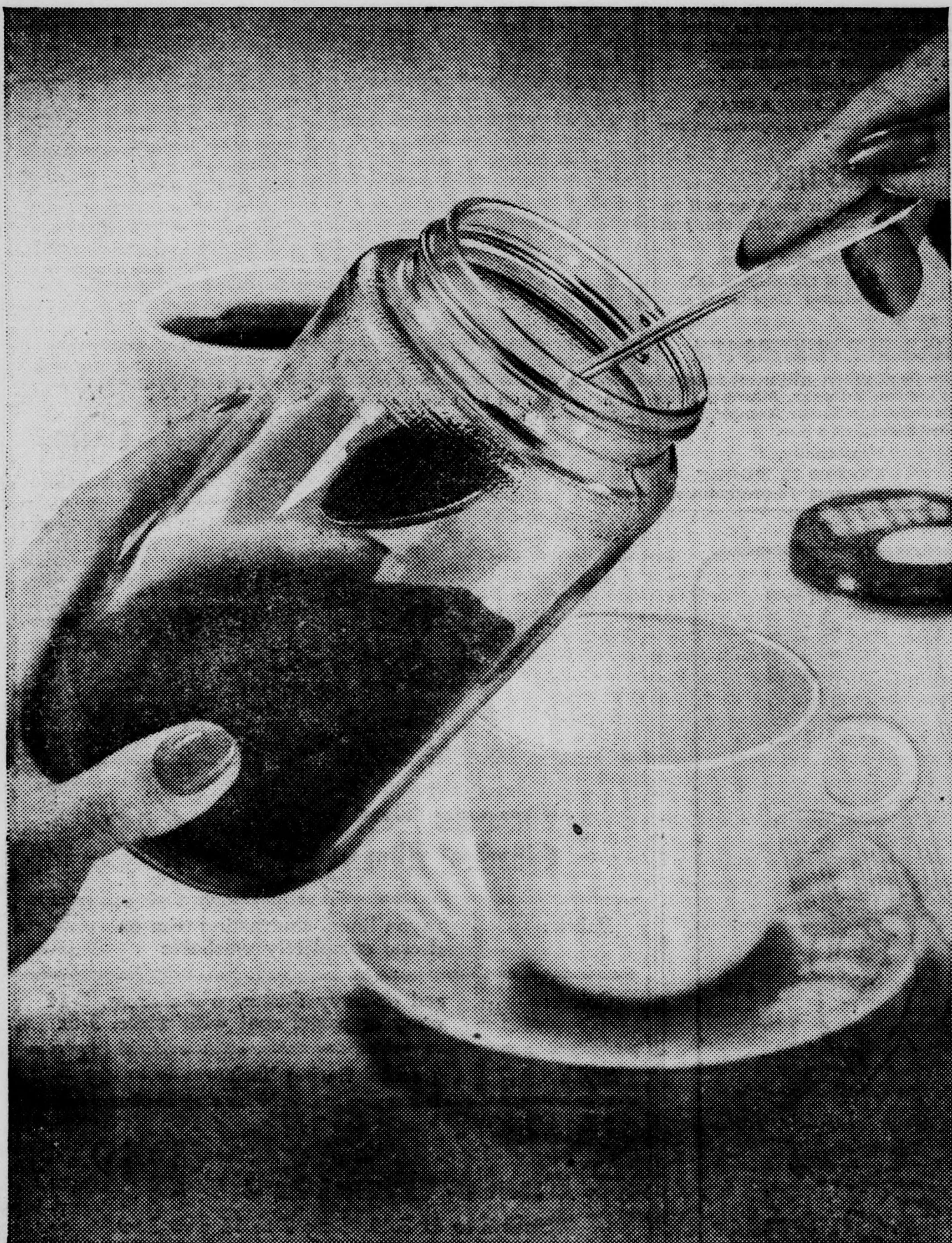
**Surprise** — Recently a stork shower was given Jean Moss at the home of Alta Benonys, Berkeley. Hostesses were Alta Benonys, Eleanore Clapp and Dora Holder.

Guests, Lila Palms, Rachel Moss, Alene Haake, Flo Bartalini, Bea Cameron, Annie Elvin, Veronica Walsh, Peggy Smith, Jackie Smith, Laura Osburn, Hazel Wallace, Virginia Albers, Mary Nall, Linda and Luana Benonys.

Many beautiful gifts to make a new baby happy were presented Jean.

Favors were tiny flannel diapers dipped in hot wax to form a nut cup. Sugar babys added. Refreshments loaf sandwiches, olives, pickles, coffee and a festive cake in honor of the occasion.

**BEATRICE P. CUDLIP**, for 20 years a staff member in the libraries of the AFLCIO and the predecessor AFL, was fatally injured in a fall in her home in Washington.



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## Open shop 'right to work' drive is hitting capitals

WASHINGTON — The 1958 "right-to-work" drive, designed to bypass normal legislative channels, has been touched off in a score of state capitals by anti-labor organizations.

Rebuffed by a number of state legislatures of 1957, proponents of legislation aimed at crippling unions by outlawing union security clauses in collective bargaining contracts have turned to use of initiative petitions, referendums and constitutional amendments in renewed efforts to foist "wreck" legislation on highly industrialized states.

Nineteen state legislatures are slated to convene in 1958, some for short or special sessions devoted solely to fiscal matters. In most of these states "right-to-work" legislation is expected to be introduced by local anti-labor groups working under the general direction of the National Right-to-Work Committee.

But the major battle lines are shaping up in seven states—California, Delaware, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio and Washington.

In 1957 strong attempts to extend the scope of "wreck" legislation resulted in Indiana joining 17 other states with anti-union security legislation. A move is under way in the Hoosier state to effect repeal.

In Kansas the legislature adopted a resolution placing the "right-to-work" issue on the ballot this year in the form of a referendum. In all other states efforts to pass "wreck" legislation were repulsed.

As a result the major effort in 1958 will be by the initiative petition and constitutional amendment route in two major industrial states, California and Ohio. Similar methods are planned in additional states. — AFLCIO News.

## Postoffice Motor Union applies to join AFLCIO

WASHINGTON — AFLCIO officers will decide soon whether or not to charter a new affiliate, the 4,500-member Post Office Motor Vehicle Employees.

The union, which has applied for affiliation at intervals over a period of several years, had been refused in the past on the basis of jurisdictional objections from the Teamsters Union, now expelled from the AFLCIO.

President Meany said that he would make a final decision after discussing the case with the union and with other postal unions. — AFLCIO News.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

## Craftsman status to auto mechanics

The National Labor Relations Board has recognized auto mechanics as the craftsmen that they are. The ruling came in a test case brought by the I. A. M. which has sought the decision for ten years. It permits auto mechanics to have their own bargaining units, Plato E. Papps, I. A. M. chief counsel, explained.

For a decade the board in establishing bargaining units has made no distinction between skilled mechanics and less skilled employees such as parts men, car washers, and other garage personnel. The Board was in an unusual position because many other Government agencies have long recognized the auto mechanics trade as an established craft.

I. A. M. President Al Hayes hailed the Board decision as a "major victory" for the nation's auto mechanics. He declared:

"The Labor Board's recognition of the auto repairman as a true craftsman is going to result in real benefits for thousands of yet unorganized mechanics. For 10 years the Labor Board has refused auto mechanics the right to bargain in craft units. In many instances, this has been equivalent to denying the mechanics all bargaining rights. A majority of the mechanics have frequently been outvoted. The decision will not alter our policy of negotiating in the larger bargaining unit, wherever that is practical and possible." — The Machinist.

## President Meany says Negro college fund is one unions should help

WASHINGTON — Contributions to the 1958 campaign of the United Negro College Fund have been urged on the presidents of affiliated unions and central bodies in a letter from AFLCIO President George Meany.

Meany expressed pleasure at again serving on the fund's national council, and gave the drive for \$2.5 million his personal endorsement as well as that of the AFLCIO. The money sought, he pointed out, represents that part of the operating budgets of the 33 member colleges which is not met by tuition and endowment. — AFLCIO News.

## 2000 Ford workers back at work now in Milpitas

The Ford Motor Co. this week announced a return to full production on its passenger car assembly lines in Milpitas and recalled 2,000 employees laid off February 28.

## BTC told of plan to lengthen county employees' work week

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bring them to Washington to testify—they'd come voluntarily and willingly."

### BTC CONTRACT

It was announced that Edwin Seldon, cement contractor, has signed a BTC contract.

### MORMON CHURCH JOB

M. B. Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594, acting BTC Business representative while J. L. Childers was in Washington at the legislative conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department, reported that the Board of Business Agents had held a very satisfactory conference with representatives of the Mormon Church about a new building job the church is starting.

Elmo R. Smith, attorney representing the church group said that the church would pay to those working on the job all the fringe benefits, social security, unemployment, and disability insurance; and that the church would furnish the council with a list of all subcontractors on the job; and a letter stating that the church would not file for return of money paid on the fringe benefits.

It was voted to make it a policy of the council to ask all non-profit organizations engaging in building operations to follow the policy followed by the Mormon Church on this job.

### KAISER JOB

It was voted to request a pre-job conference with the general contractor on the Kaiser job.

## General board of AFLCIO sets meet

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO General Board, comprising presidents or principal officers of all international unions, plus members of the executive council, will meet in Washington April 28.

To be discussed: Legislative issues in the Congress.

The Executive Council will open a four-day meeting April 29, AFLCIO President George Meany announced.

The August meeting of the council will be at Unity House, the workers' summer resort maintained by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in eastern Pennsylvania. — AFLCIO.

### CERTAIN PRACTICES

Certain practices which have been claimed to be "featherbedding" were discussed in connection with a communication from the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department. Among those discussing the matter were Dillashaw, J. C. Reynolds, Joseph Pruss, Charles Roe, Charles Garoni, and C. E. Risley.

### ROBERTS MEMORIAL

BTC Vice President Joseph Pruss reported the BTC committee on the memorial for the late T. J. Roberts had met, and was arranging to meet with the similar Central Labor Council committee.

### RUTLEDGE INJURED

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, was absent from the meeting, due to having sprained his back when the chair in which he was seated on the speakers platform slipped over the edge, at the State Council of Painters convention in Santa Barbara.

## Butchers' leaders go back to school

CHICAGO — Twenty-one experienced international representatives and business agents of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFLCIO), some with as much as 25 years of experience in labor-management relations, went back to school here to brush up on collective bargaining.

Their 39 instructors in the unique ten-day institute, included not only national union leaders and university professors, but also some of the very men who sit across the bargaining table from the union representatives—management personnel directors and industrial relations directors.

The management representatives were high level officials of such nationwide meat, poultry and retail firms as Armour, Kroger, National Tea, Oscar Mayer, Hormel and Campbell Soup. In frank, off-the-record talks, they told the "students" the background of some management bargaining principles and techniques. They also freely complimented and criticized various union attitudes and actions during collective bargaining. — Butcher Workman.

## Don't cut school service, get more money, says labor

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cussed, as he said he wished to make sure that this was in conformity with the wishes of the Teachers Union.

So many speakers contributed to the discussion that it would take an abler reporter than the present one to tell in the space available in this issue the gist of their remarks.

But a consensus emerged: that

• The Central Labor Council historically, along with the labor movement as a whole, has advocated expansion, not contraction, of education for all.

• The council represents all types of workers for the Oakland school system, teachers, maintenance, and custodial workers, and the services of all these are needed to keep the schools operating properly.

• Steps should be taken immediately to get the tax increase measure on the June ballot, as there would be infinitely less political confusion then than in November.

## Breed quits, labor backing Holmdahl

State Senator Arthur H. Breed, Republican, announced this week that "after much prayerful consideration" he has decided not to run for reelection.

The AFLCIO here is backing Oakland City Councilman John Holmdahl to succeed Breed. There are other candidates, so it is realized energetic efforts by labor must be put forth to elect Holmdahl.

## Postal pay bill delayed in House

A. B. McClintock, secretary of the Postal Central Council, said this week that while the postal pay increase bill passed the Senate it now lies on the Speaker's desk in the House, and is unlikely to be taken up until late next week. Meanwhile, he says, "the old veto threat" is being used in efforts to downgrade the amount of the increase.

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## 'Right to work longer' in the Courthouse here

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors is now considering a proposal that would increase the 37½-week now worked by some employees of Alameda County to 40 hours. The people whose hours would be increased are those working in the Courthouse and the Welfare and Probation departments.

One argument in favor of the change is, as we understand it, that since other employees of the county work a full 40-hour week, why should not all? The employees whose hours are to be lengthened replied to this by circulating a petition that ALL employees of the county be granted the 37½-hour week.

We are informed that the 37½-hour week has been in effect in these departments for 10 years. The people who applied for jobs in these department during those years with the understanding that the working week was 37½ hours now feel that they were in a very real sense gypped if the whole trend of America toward a shorter working is reversed in their case and they are asked to work a week they did not expect when they took their jobs.

The Supervisors by considering this proposal have stirred these employees to the expression of some grievances which should be of interest to all of us in the labor movement. For example, one statement submitted to the Supervisors included this:

"We have no decent place even to eat a sandwich. How must it look to the public to see employees with their lunches spread out on the stairs, both inside and outside the Courthouse? Our rest rooms are inadequate; there is no lounge, no first-aid, nor even a cot to lie on in case of sudden illness or injury. Employees so indiscreet as to faint have been stretched out on the floor until revived or taken away by an ambulance. No blankets are on hand, either, to soften the shock. In industry these conditions would not be tolerated."

Well, in industry today the unions refuse to accept such conditions. That is one reason why Senator Knowland and his reactionary allies, who, by the way, have quite a hand in running the County of Alameda, wish to destroy the unions by getting the "right to work" initiative on the ballot and into the Constitution of California.

## Knight runs out on Haggerty

Unless Governor Knight plans as part of his campaign for the Senatorship to spring something dramatic about the unemployment problem, his refusal to make unemployment a subject for the special session seems odd.

If there is an old and trusted friend of Mr. Knight's in the State to whose pleas the Governor should pay some heed, it is C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor. Yet seemingly the Governor paid no attention to the very able arguments of Haggerty.

Haggerty first called attention to the figures on joblessness in the State, and then outlined a constructive program for meeting the situation:

- 1—Liberalization of the State unemployment insurance program.
- 2—Use of tideland oil reserve funds to get public works projects going.
- 3—Activation of the State Relief Act of 1945 to boost financial assistance to counties for relief aid during the emergency.
- 4—A State minimum wage law of \$1.25 an hour for all workers.
- 5—A Governor's Citizens Committee on Housing to develop a new source of long-term, low-interest loans for middle-income housing construction.
- 6—A State Planning Agency to assure balanced growth of the State's economy.

But while this may be all very well, Mr. Knight probably figures he's got to play ball with Nixon and Knowland, now that they've thrown him into the mud and rubbed his nose in it—and neither Nixon nor Knowland would approve of Haggerty's program.

## Of course, it is all 'ethical'

Medicos are great on denouncing advertisements of remedies promising marvels to patients, so we note with amusement some of the phrases in the numerous ads in the monthly bulletin of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association.

One patent medicine advertised gives you "a gentle, emotional uplift," and is "for vitality in old age." Another is "an appetite stimulant . . . for all pale faces." Then there is the sure-fire drug that "stops morning sickness."



## CLASSROOM TEACHERS' INFLUENCE IS NEEDED

Joyce E. Lobner, 2826 Polk Street, San Francisco, a teacher, sends in the following:

S - P - A - C - E — change S to E and rearrange the letters and you'll have P - E - A - C - E. S stands for Sputnik. E stands for Education. Which do we want? Don't most of us deep down feel a preference for education and peace?

However, we are confused. We aren't sure that we can afford education in a world full of violent threats. We haven't a clear idea of what kind of education we need, science, of course, but is that enough? What more and how to get it troubles us. What are the answers?

Can we afford it? As a matter of fact this country is spending less per capita for schools now than it did fifty years ago. The national budget is bigger, the national debt is bigger, but the national income is bigger too. Why less for education then?

The true reason is that respect for learning has waned. When there is a reawakening of interest in scholarship and wisdom, there will be more enthusiasm in appropriating funds for school buildings, teachers' salaries, books, equipment and teaching aids.

## GOP's bad joke

The 22nd Amendment is the Republican 80th Congress' most grisly joke on the American people. It is the amendment adopted with too much help from southern Democrats to prohibit a third term for any future president.

It was a kind of irritable spasm of the Republicans, duly ratified by the sovereign states and established in our basic law, in which the GOP took a macabre revenge on the dead Franklin D. Roosevelt. Unable to defeat him in his lifetime, they passed an amendment expressing their disapproval of the number of times he had beaten their candidates.

Many observers, including this one, said at the time that a constitutional amendment freezing the presidential succession was a fundamental blunder.

Second-term presidents, even under circumstances when only tradition forbade them to run again, tended to lose power and authority in their last four years.

Political professionals and the interests seeking favors from the government devoted increasing attention to seeking the next winner.—Willard Shelton, AFL-CIO columnist.

What kind of education should we have? Who can tell us? The teachers, of course. Many cries are heard that teachers should be leaders in their profession.

In the '20's, there were many classroom teacher organizations all over the country whose membership was the cream of the profession. Most of these organizations were crowded out or absorbed by the administrator-dominated "Teachers" Associations.

The American Federation of Teachers has come to the rescue and will be more and more of a power through which the classroom teacher will find expression, assert her rights, and make felt her influence to evolve a system of school organization in which teachers will have scope and opportunity to teach.

## Race with Russia in dentifrice industry

The feverish marketing race in the dentifrice industry is continuing. The Colgate-Palmolive Company is the latest entrant to come up with something new—toothpaste in an aerosol container.

Colgate Dental Cream is being sold in the Eastern part of the nation in a red and white aerosol container. The company container "makes dispensing of the dentifrice much easier than the generally accepted tubes."

Colgate's move follows by less than a week the expansion to national distribution of Lever Brothers' Stripe. This new product unwinds from a tube in a pink and white striped pattern.—New York Times.

## The Civil War

Who owns the land? Who should own the land? These two questions are of fundamental importance to every nation on the face of the earth. Some people think that the problem of the world lies in this question of who owns the land. . . .

The American Civil War was not just a fight to free colored slaves of the South. The large plantation system of land ownership had dispossessed the people, so that the "poor white trash" were as bad off or worse than the colored slaves. The few large landowners were living in luxury, while the majority lived in abject poverty.—Rev. Father Hylder in Catholic Action.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .

We Run 'Em!

## FREMONT CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Editor, Labor Journal:

How much is COPE going to cope with here in Fremont? Are we going to educate the public on labor's views? We never back down to any group, because of their wealth. At least that is what I thought and still would like to believe. But circumstances alter some situations. Here are the facts, judge for yourself.

Mr. Kenneth Steadman, candidate for councilman, in the city of Fremont, helped to circulate a referendum petition, for the civic center issue to appear on the ballot after it had been passed by the council to purchase twelve acres to start the civic center. This is not a time to circulate any petitions. Mr. Steadman could have circulated an initiative petition last July. And it would not be so injurious to labor.

The only person profiting by the stalling of the civic center is EDWIN E. HUDDLESON, vice president of Stokeley's Van Camps, who purchased a condemned school building for \$50,500 on May 17, 1956, just four months after Fremont was incorporated. He rents part of this building to the city for civic affairs, for \$7,000 per year. A return of 13% on his investment. With expectations of larger returns, in the future. As the city grows we will need more space. When we rent the whole building from him it will cost us taxpayers between \$18,000 to \$24,000 per year, or a quarter of a million dollars on a ten year basis. Plus alterations and utilities. This money could be used to employ a lot of construction men instead of lining a millionaire's bank account.

As a candidate stated for the press: "It does seem odd that a union president should receive the backing of a group of rich land owners."

How much is COPE going to cope with here in Fremont? There is a whole lot more going on that the little farmer like myself has to put up with because of this wealthy group.

Fraternally yours,  
DAISY-MAE ISELIN,  
Warm Springs,  
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## THANKS, PAUL!

Editor, Labor Journal:

Congratulations upon your completion of eleven years' service as a labor editor.

I have had time to peruse most California labor papers during the past three years, and this is not written in an effort to please you—just to let you know that in my humble judgment yours is among the best of the many.

Although beyond the retirement age, I am still researching and writing.

My history of the first half century of the State Federation has been completed and I am now writing the wonderful story of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, my first love, from 1885 to date.

Best wishes and more power to you and Brother Chaudet.

Sincerely,  
PAUL SCHARRENBERG  
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## DECISION

The decision will have to be made some time by a captain or a lieutenant—or even a colonel—on the spot. These groups will no longer be under the control of our leaders. Isolated military groups holding tremendous power will have to react fast when a missile is detected. — Dr. I. I. Rabi, physicist.